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FOR BROWN FROM ANDREWS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. NDU VISIT - YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SEPARATELY A MESSAGE
IN RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE
NWC AND ICAF VISITS, WHICH REPRESENTS THE BEST WE CAN DO IN
GETTING THE NDU TO PARE DOWN ITS PROPOSALS TO A SIZE THE
POLES MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT. UNFORTUNATELY, INTERNAL
POLITICS AT NDU MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CANCEL OR POSTPONE
THE ICAF VISIT ENTIRELY, SO THEY HAVE COME UP WITH A PRO-
POSAL TO INCLUDE A FEW ICAF STUDENTS IN A SMALLER NWC
GROUP AND CALL IT AN NDU VISIT. GROUP WOULD TOTAL 12,
INCLUDING ONE FACULTY MEMBER, AND COULD EVEN BE REDUCED
FURTHER IF WE HEAR FROM YOU THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE.
OBVIOUSLY, ANY REDUCTION IN SIZE CAUSES THE NDU FACULTY
PAIN SINCE THEY HAVE THE TASK OF DECIDING WHOM TO CUT OUT
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TRYING TO MAINTAIN INTEREST AMONG
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ALL THE STUDENTS IN THE EE GROUP.

2. YOU WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A COMPLETELY FREE HAND IN DRAW-
ING UP A PROGRAM FOR THE NDU GROUP. INCLUSION OF THE 2-3
ICAF STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM'S REGULAR EVENTS IS DESIGNED
TO AVOID WHAT IS PERCEIVED HERE AS AWKWARD PROBLEM FOR
EMBASSY IN OTHERWISE HAVING TO EXPLAIN WHY CERTAIN MEMBERS

OF THE GROUP WERE ALWAYS ABSENT FROM MEETINGS WITH POLISH ORGANIZATIONS. (WE ALSO THINK IT MAKES FAR MORE SENSE THAN TO HAVE THEM JUST SPEND THEIR ENTIRE TIME TALKING TO YOU ALL, NO MATTER HOW WELL INFORMED YOU ARE')

3. WE HAVE NOTED SZEWCZYK'S COMMENT TO YOU LAST WEEK THAT THE LONGER WE PUT OFF OUR REQUEST, THE MORE TIME HE WILL HAVE TO PREPARE THE WAY. OUR SENSE OF THINGS HERE IS THAT THE NDU FOLKS ARE ALREADY GETTING PRETTY NERVOUS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PROPOSED DATES FOR THE VISIT (APRIL 16-22) ARE ONLY A BIT MORE THAN A MONTH OFF. ON OUR REQUEST, NDU HAS HELD OFF SUBMITTING VISA REQUESTS TO THE POLISH EMBASSY BUT THEY WILL SOON BEGIN TO GET ANXIOUS SOON ON THIS SCORE TOO.

4. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY SZEWCZYK'S WILLINGNESS TO DO WHAT HE CAN TO MAKE THIS VISIT COME OFF, AS WELL AS BY DUCHOWSKI'S ATTITUDE HERE WHEN WE RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH HIM EARLY IN JANUARY IN AN EFFORT TO PAVE THE WAY. AS SOON AS YOU HAVE MADE YOUR FORMAL REQUEST TO THE MFA, WE INTEND TO FOLLOW IT UP HERE WITH DUCHOWSKI.

5. CIEPLINSKI VISAS. AL BRAINARD TELLS US THAT MICHAEL CIEPLINSKI IS PLANNING TO INVITE HIS BROTHER WLADYSLAW AND HIS WIFE TO THE US FOR A MONTH'S VISIT. YOU MAY
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REMEMBER THAT MICHAEL CIEPLINSKI IS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE OVERSEAS SCHOOLS AND IS A GOOD FRIEND OF CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO EXPEDITE THESE VISAS. VANCE

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